

Message for U.S. Citizens: Updates for the Summer
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U.S. Embassy Nicosia

As we approach the summer, we offer updates on matters of interest to U.S. citizens living or traveling in Cyprus:

Consular Information by SMS: U.S. Embassy Nicosia regularly (usually no more than twice a month) shares security and other information with U.S. citizens by a variety of methods, including SMS (text) messages. If you would like to receive Messages for U.S. Citizens via SMS, please respond to this email with your mobile number and a statement to the effect that "I give the U.S. Embassy permission to send me SMS messages using www.goldentelemedia.com."

Apply Early for Your Passport: Take the opportunity now to check your passport's expiration date. If it has expired, or expires within the next six months, you should apply now to renew your passport. Visit our website for information on how to apply and schedule an appointment. [Passport application forms](http://travel.state.gov) are available online at travel.state.gov. We process passports in 10 business days.

U.S. Passports for Children: Keep in mind that children under 16 (including infants) must apply for a U.S. passport in person with their parents or legal guardians. Please review the passport application [requirements](#) on the U.S. Embassy's webpage, cyprus.usembassy.gov.

Voting Information – Looking Ahead to 2014: The Federal Post Card Application (SF-76) and Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (SF-182) forms, which U.S. citizens use to request and submit absentee ballots in U.S. elections, are being updated to make them easier to use and more effective. The U.S. government is inviting U.S. citizens to review and comment on the proposed changes. Comments and feedback should be submitted on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or by mail to Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens travelling to or residing in Cyprus enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) at travel.state.gov. Enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the embassy to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy.

Regularly monitor the [State Department's website](#) where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the [Country Specific Information for Cyprus](#).

Contact the embassy for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and download our free [Smart Traveler App](#) available through [iTunes](#) and the [Google Play](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Nicosia is located at the corner of Metochiou and Ploutarchou Streets, Engomi, Nicosia and is open from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent

assistance, **the emergency telephone number is +357 22 393 939.** The Embassy's e-mail address is consularnicosia@state.gov.